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SUBJ: POSSIBLE COUNTERFEIT US DOLS 20 BILL

1. LOCAL BRANCH OF BARCLAYS CONTACTED EMBASSY RECENTLY TO EXPRESS THEIR SUSPICIONS OF STRANGE-APPEARING US DOLS 20 BILL. BILL IN QUESTION IS SERIES OF 1934A, SERIAL #B39875107A AND BEARS ENGRAVED SIGNATURES OF THEN TREASURER OF U.S. M.A. JULIAN AND TREASURY SECRETARY HENRY MORGANTHAU. BARCLAYS' SUSPICIONS WERE AROUSED BECAUSE U.S. FLAG ATOP WHITE HOUSE ON REVERSE SIDE IS FLYING WITH FULL LENGTH VISIBLE WHILE OTHER DOLS 20 BILLS SHOW FLAG PARTIALLY FURLED. ADDITIONALLY, TREES ON SIDES OF WHITE HOUSE APPEAR DIFFERENT FROM SAMPLES OF KNOWN GENUINE BILLS AND PAPER OF SUSPECT NOTE HAS A GREASY FEELING TO TOUCH. BARCLAYS ALSO NOTED THAT "IN GOD WE TRUST" MOTTO DOES NOT APPEAR ON SUSPECT BANKNOTE BUT THIS OMISSION IS ALSO OBSERVED ON SEVERAL GENUINE NOTES OF 1950 B SERIES. NOTE ITSELF IS IN GOOD CONDITION WITH LITTLE APPARENT WEAR. BARCLAYS HAS NO IDEA WHERE NOTE WAS OBTAINED.

2. BARCLAYS STATED THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO TURN OVER SUSPECT BANKNOTE IF USG REQUESTS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON LIKELIHOOD THAT BANKNOTE IS COUNTERFEIT AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO FURTHER ACTION.
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